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SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIAL CEREMONY

LONDON PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR CARGO

1. PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR CARGO'S DEPARTURE WE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING FIRST DRAFT OF HIS REMARKS FOR CREDENTIAL CEREMONY. THIS DRAFT HAS THE NECESSARY CLEARANCES FROM OUR END, INCLUDING AMB. CARGO.

2. QTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR MAJESTY THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, CAROL C. LAISE, AND THE LETTER OF CREDENCE WITH WHICH MY PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON HAS ACCREDITED ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COURT OF NEPAL.

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3. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOUR MAJESTY

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AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY HIS WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE HAPPINESS AND WELL BEING OF YOUR PEOPLE AND FOR THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF YOUR COUNTRY.

4. YOUR MAJESTY, IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT I LOOK BACK ON OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT WAS 1947 WHEN A DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE AND PERSONAL FRIEND, AMBASSADOR JOSEPH SATTER-

WAITHE, JOINED YOUR GRANDFATHER, HIS ROYAL MAJESTY KING TRIBHUVAN, IN SIGNING A TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP. SINCE THEN, RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE GROWN AND DEVELOPED INTO A RELATIONSHIP TODAY OF MOST CORDIAL COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT. IN OUR MISSION HERE AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ARE MANY AMERICANS WHO HAVE WORKED IN NEPAL IN OUR EMBASSY, IN OUR AID MISSION AND WITH THE PEACE CORPS AS WELL AS THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE VISITED YOUR COUNTRY AS TOURISTS. THEY, TOO, ARE PROUD OF THE FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND SHARE MY PERSONAL DESIRE TO SEE THOSE PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS CONTINUE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

5. YOUR MAJESTY, IT IS NOT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE THAT OUR VERY EARLIEST PERMANENT PRESENCE IN KATHMANDU WAS A COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT NEPAL IS DEDICATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THROUGH OUR BILATERAL AID PROGRAM WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ASSIST YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THAT TASK. THOUGH OUR SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND TECHNICAL PRIORITIES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THOUGH THE EXACT FORM OF ASSISTANCE MAY CHANGE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT REMAINS COMMITTED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT NEPAL'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

6. YOUR MAJESTY, IT IS WITH HUMILITY THAT I HAVE ACCEPTED MY PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION TO SERVE AS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL. IT IS WITH DEEP DEDICATION THAT I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE YOUR MAJESTY THAT I WILL ENDEAVOR TO MY FULLEST DURING MY TENURE IN NEPAL TO
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STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE VERY WARM AND CORDIAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT I SHALL RECEIVE YOUR COOPERATION AND THAT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE DISCHARGE OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THIS NOBLE GOAL. END QTE

7. RIMAL AT NEPALESE EMBASSY TOLD US THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY LIKES TO RECEIVE TEXT OF REMARKS SEVEN OR EIGHT DAYS

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PRIOR TO CEREMONY; THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON DRAFT SOONEST SO WE CAN APPROVE FINAL TEXT FOR SUBMISSION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY PRIOR TO AMB. CARGO'S ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 15. WHILE WE WILL COORDINATE TEXT AT THIS END, SUGGEST YOU SLUG YOUR COMMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR AT APPROPRIATE POST BASED ON HIS TRAVEL PLANS AND YOUR TIMING. ROGERS

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